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GAIETY COMING SOON

SKATERS ENJOY EVENING ON ICE DESPITE BUMPS

New Club Is Result of Enthusiasm

Hard bumps, skinned noses, frozen toes, and "mental piece meals" proved no discouragement to those who attended the W. A. A. ice skating party, at the San Francisco Ice Skating Rink, on the evening of October 29.

As a result of the frolic plans are being made for the organization of an ice skating club under the auspices of the Women's Athletic Association. All of those who attended the affair seem to be very enthusiastic about the club and will automatically become charter members, according to present plans. Mrs. Cowell, Dr. Michell, and Miss Holtz will act as faculty sponsors.

The club will skate at the Rink twice a month on regular nights, as yet, not established. The management of the San Francisco Rink has offered an admission fee of fifty cents—a thirty-five cent reduction of the regular rate—for club members. Other members of the student body will be admitted for sixty-five cents upon presentation of a student body card.

The affair on the twenty-ninth was a huge success, both financially and otherwise, according to those in charge. There were present sixty-four students and their friends, making a total of about one hundred and fifty on the ice during the evening.

The S. F. T. C. faculty was well represented by Mr. and Mrs. Cowell, Mr. and Mrs. De Camp, Dr. Michell, Miss Holtz, Mr. and Mrs. Marples and Miss Henze, children's librarian. They all declare that they had the "best time ever."

Mr. and Mrs. Cowell gave an exhibition of waltzing on ice as one of the features of the evening's program. A game of tug of war between the "heavies" and the "lighties" furnished much entertainment. The "heavies" were the final winners. A baseball game with a "slide at every base" was another feautre.

That Lucille Savage, chairman of the party committee, deserves an accord of gratitude from all those who witnessed the success of the W. A. A.'s first skating party, is the sentiment expressed by many students.

The people who are used to measuring students are now being measured themselves. A study of the training and experience of the faculties of all state teachers' colleges of California is being made for Mr. Cooper, State Director of Public Education in Califotnia, by President Phelps of Santa Barbara State Teachers Colleges.

College Atmosphere Prevails at Dance

The Gold Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel was the scene of the Student Body Formal on Saturday evening, November 3. About 150 couples danced—or sat— to the music of Chuck Dutton's four-piece orchestra from U. C.

The men dressed formally or informally according to their inclinations. The girls blossomed out in formal gowns of every color.

The committee in charge, headed by Eleanor Rathke, was made up largely of class presidents. The members were Nora Murphy, Margery Corcoran, Mae Gates, Thelma Malloy, Gertrude Gibson, Constance Powers, Gladys Banner, Eunice Humphreys, Evelyn Lagomarasino, and Lahoma Atkinson.

The patrons of the affair were Dr. and Mrs. Roberts, Dr. and Mrs. Arnesen, and Dr. Barney.

Many students expressed the hope that this dance would not be the last of its kind. They also praised "Pat" Schultz, student body president, for the collegiate atmosphere she has stimulated.

The first college dance, held last January, was also given at the Fairmont; its success encouraged the undertaking of a second one. Minnie Kelly was then president.

Student Produces Original Play

Miss Elizabeth Boland, as a part of her work for Miss Casebolt's Play Production class, has just written and produced a one-act war play. She and Margaret Dunne, who took the parts, held the class spell-bound by their interpretation, according to report. It was given in the regular class hour on Monday, October 29.

This group of about twenty, which meets three times a week, has been having some practical play appreciation experience. The students interpret various types of drama, tragedy, comedy, farce, etc., and are criticized by the class.

It is expected that several one-act plays will be produced at evening performances in the near future.

These performances will be invitational in nature, since the type of play is not expected to appeal to the many, as in the case of those put on by the College Theatre. Among those under consideration are "Ile," by Eugene O'Neill; two by Susan Glaspell, "Suppressed Desires," and "Trifles;" the shepherd scene from "As You Like It;" and "Dolly's Little Bills" by Arthur Pinero Jones.

The costumes and stage settings are under the direction of Mrs. Jean Elson.

The dates for the performances have not been determined, as yet, but members of the class in Play Production are finding that they are becoming quite popular since they mentioned their invitational prerogative.

Mrs. Cowell donated a subscription to the library for "New Music," a quarterly magazine containing recent compositions for piano, violin, and orchestra.

Extension Courses Planned for Spring 1929

Extension courses for the coming spring term are being planned by Mr. Boulware, director of extension work in the college. A tentative list of subjects has been made out, which may or may not be the final one. Its ultimate adoption depends upon the preliminary response received from those interested. According to Mr. Boulware, the policy of the college has been to offer courses in extension work that were most in demand.

Among these will probably be a course in Biological Science and one in Physics. A course in Nature Study will be given in Alameda.

Dean Du Four will offer a companion course to Europe Since 1870, the one he is now giving on Monday nights. Its title will be the Npaoleonic Wars. These two courses are usually taught as companions in the universities.

There will probably be an English course instructed by Dr. Arneson, and a course entitled the Teaching of English in the Junior High School, by an instructor not yet named.

An Art Appreciation course is hoped for and will be given if demand warrants it.

Special courses in School Administration and in Supervision and Instruction will be provided to fit the needs of those interested. Also there will be given, both in Oakland and San Francisco, advanced courses in the field of Special Education by an augmented staff.

Courses in Sociology and Educational Psychology will be offered in Oakland.

Since the Technique of Speech is an endowed course, it of course, will be given again, regardless of popular demand.

Mr. Gist will offer a course in Children's Literature.

As has been stated, this is at present only a tentative list. Mr. Boulware promises a final announcement of courses at the beginning of the year.

Student Store To Be Started

The Students Activities Committee, of which Miss Levy is chairman, has appointed a sub-committee to proceed with the establishment of a student store.

Work will begin at once upon the installation of shelves, counter, and other necessary equipment.

The exact location of the store has not yet been decided upon, but it will probably be located at the academic end of the training school building. It will then be accessible to training school pupils, as well as the students of the college.

Dr. Valentine is chairman of the sub-committee which is working on the plans. The other members are Miss Bock, Dr. Rypins, Mr. Ray, Mae Gates, Gladys King, Lois Harding, and Rosalie McBride.

Assembly Plays to Be Given Tomorrow

Vivian Walsh, as Sylvette, will play opposite Elizabeth Boland, as Percinet, in the College Theatre production of Rostand's "Romances," to be given Thursday afternoon, November 8, in the Assembly Hall.

The roles of the two fathers, Bergamin and Pasquinot, who exercise great ingenuity in stimulating romance in their children, will be played by Constance Powers and Regina Werne, respectively. Orpha Corrigan, taking the part of Strafoul, aids the parents to play their well directed tricks.

"The Minuet," by Parker, will be on the same program. It is a moving bit of drama of the French Revolution. Peggy Cullen and Elizabeth Pinney are the hero and heroine, and Mary Connolly takes the only other part,—that of a revolutionist.

A full house is expected.

Sodium Explodes In Supply Room

Broken glass, flying sodium, and great excitement in the Science building Tuesday afternoon, when Gertrude Woodward, Mr. Morse's assistant, dropped some sodium into a wet sink. The resulting explosion was heard all over the building, but Miss Woodward fortunately escaped without serious injuries.

She was in the supply room placing some sodium in a bottle when the accident occurred. Before she had time to think, the explosion came. Glass and sodium flew everywhere. Volumes of smoke poured out of the windows. Miss Woodward's eyes were covered with sodium, and for some time she could not see. She ran out of the supply room and to the door of room 210, where Mr. Mundt was holding a class. He took her to the lab. room and then called Mr. Morse, who was surprised to see a girl with her blouse and tie all covered with blood.

The two instructors washed out her eyes to prevent further injury and administered first aid and treatment.

A cut on the cheek, and several minor cuts and burns on her arms were the extent of her injuries. The sodium that got into her eyes was not enough to cause any harm. She later went down to Dr. Buckingham, her physician, and he treated her eyes and took two stitches in her cheek.

It is the general opinion that Miss Woodward is very fortunate in not having any greater injuries.

"You'll get there over my dead body," may be changed to "we'll get there as a dead body" by students at Cornell.

Recently eight Cornell students, wishing to attend the Cornell-Princeton game at Princeton, left Ithica in a hearse. The hearse, a 1917 model, was purchased by the students at auction. Eight chairs were arranged in it to make traveling more comfortable.

GLEE C. MEMBERS WILL AID CO-OP. WITH PROCEEDS

College Orchestra to Furnish Music

The Glee Club Gaiety will be presented by the members of the club and past graduates on Thursday, November 15, and Friday, November 16, in the assembly hall, at 8:20 p. m.

The program will be given in two parts. Mr. Ray, an instructor of the college, and Mrs. Florence K. Cohen, alumnae of the college, will present some selections from "The Chocolate Soldier." Mollie Levin, whom everyone enjoys, is to give some readings. Anna Johansen will whistle. There will be singing by young men of the Glee Club of St. Ignatius College. An elaborate dance number, under the direction of Mrs. Scott, instructor of physical education, will depict the Spanish and Dutch atmospheres. A tap duet will be given, also solo dancing by Mrs. Scott.

One of the main features of the program will be selections from the "Mikado" and the "Japanese Love Song," which are being produced under the direction of Mrs. McCauley. Miss Ursula Murphy, past graduate, is going to sing some vocal selections. A number, "I've Been Looking for a Boy Like You," speaks for itself.

The college orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Knuth, will play for the occasion. The Glee Club members feel very proud to have the orchestra play at their "Gaiety."

This affair will be in the nature of a benefit performance, one hundred dollars of which will be given to Dr. Roberts for the Students' Co-Operative Store, which, it is hoped, will be started by next semester.

Tickets may be obtained from Glee Club members at 50 cents each. They can be used only on the nights for which they are bought. It is hoped that every student will do her part in helping.

A group of students who are interested in organic chemistry are doing special work in Physical Science 127.

This course consists of a laboratory section three hours once a week, and conferences each week in Mr. Morse's office. One member of the group, because of a special interest, is departing from the usual routine of the class and is doing work in food testing.

"In Love With Love," which is playing atthe Alcazar, has been chosen by the members of the June '30 class for their theatre party, which will be held on November 21.

Mrs. Clark Gives Address on P. T. A.

That the teacher is responsible for a certain section in the lives of the children under her direction was the message of Mrs. Baylies C. Clark, President of the Second District of Congress of Parents and Teachers, when she spoke at Assembly on Thursday, October 25.

According to Mrs. Clark, the teacher must co-operate with the parents in order to do her work efficiently. This co-operation is made possible by the national organization of the Parent Teachers Association, which has rightly been called "the co-ordinating agency between the school and the home."

The association was organized thirty-two years ago and has grown rapidly. There are state branches, and under those California has twenty-four districts. The county is generally used as a unit. In California there are three city districts: Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Of the 1,275,000 members in the United States, California claims 150,000. These figures, it was pointed out, show the importance of the organization.

The membership is made up for the most part of women. Anyone interested in child welfare, however, is eligible, whether he is a parent or not.

The teachers generally find it difficult to attend the meetings after having worked all day, and Mrs. Clark states that the teacher should co-operate with the organization. "Study the parents," she says. "Have patience with them and always give them a cordial welcome." She continued to say that there is usually a dropping down of responsibility on the part of the parent when the child enters school. But the teacher should not take the sole responsibility of instruction. He needs co-operation with the parents, while the parents need co-operation with the teacher. Mrs. Clark's advice was to give constructive suggestions to the Parent Teachers Association.

In closing she stated that the purpose of the P. T. A. was to form public opinion facts and to support the public school program.

Faculty Member Thwarts Alarm

Seven o'clock! The alarm br-r-r-ed in a certain bedroom of a certain house on —— Ashberry Street.

A certain S. F. S. T. C. faculty member who slept in this certain bedroom, sat up in bed, gave a start for the floor, then appeared to remember something. She smiled, snuggled down again, covered up her head, and proceeded to snooze.

The alarm br-r-r-ed itself out, then ticked mildly on. On and on it ticked. It had done its best; the occupant of the bed had not responded. The clock would not ring again. At eight o'clock it was still ticking, but no move came from the sleeper. It was still ticking at nine o'clock, yet the sleeper was as an inanimate thing. Ten o'clock ticked by; ten-thirty-five; ten-forty; ten-forty-five. Ah, the lady moved. She stretched, she yawned, she rubbed her eyes, she sighed. She looked at the ticking clock. Then she gave it a mischevious wink. She felt secure. She had a right to.

Miss Vance had been making out cinches ever since mid-term, and this was the first day of her hard earned vacation.

The first performance of the Frederic Burk Childrens' Theatre will take place Wednesday, November 14, at two o'clock. Puppets and children will be the performers. This will be part of the children's Book Week Program.

Alice Anderson Honored by Class Of December '31

Alice Anderson, class president of the high "freshies" last semester, was presented with an amythist necklace by Eunice Humphreys, present president, at a tea given by the class of December '31 on Thursday, November 1, at the Bellevue Hotel. The gift was a token of apprecation from the class.

After the presentation, Mr. Mundt sang two numbers, "God Touched the Rose" and "Sing Me to Sleep." He was heartily applauded.

Amelda Boitanno, secretary of the low freshmen who were the guests of the afternoon, spoke in behalf of her class, thanking December '31 for the opportunity of being there.

Two features of the entertainment were a piano solo by Jacquelyn Beedle and selections by a three-piece orchestra which included Al Wyatt and Ed Plutte. The rest of the afternoon was spent in dancing.

Several members of both classes recalled that they were at the hotel in which Colonel Lindbergh stayed when he was in San Francisco.

Last semester the December '31 class had a tea at the Aladdin Tea Room. It is the opinion of many students that this class is beginning to be noted for such affairs.

Wanted! Essay Writers!

Mr. Morse says that several students have spoken to him of their intention to enter the Chemistry contest, announced several weeks ago in the Bay Leaf. He has, however, heard of nothing more than intentions. Since all essays must be in New York by March 1, the contestants are urged to begin work immediately.

A poster giving information regarding the contest is posted on the bulletin board in the Science building. According to this the subjects from which one may choose are: "Relation of Chemistry to Health and Disease," "Relation of Chemistry to the Enrichment of Life," "Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture or to Forestry," "Relation of Chemistry to National Defense," "Relation of Chemistry to the Home," "Relation of the Chemistry to the Development of an Industry or Resource of the United States." A contestant may write on any important phase of any of these subjects.

Prizes of $500, $300, and $200 are offered for first, second and third places respectively. Dorothy Eichenwald, of this college, won a first prize some years ago.

Scribes Announce Poetry Contest

Attention all you would-be Tennysons and Brownings. The Scribes club announces a poetry contest.

A prize of five dollars is being offered for the best poem submitted in the Scribes' annual poetry contest. All students in the college, with the exception of the members of the Scribes club, are eligible to try.

The contest closes on December 15. All poems must be in Miss Talbert's office on that date.

Edith Duncan submitted the winning poem last semester. Contestants of this semester will not have to compete with Miss Duncan. She is now a member of the Scribes club, and so is not eligible to enter the contest.

"So your daughter speaks Esperanto."

"Yes, fluetly, without accent, like a native."

S. S. Students Visit Postoffice

The journeys of a letter, from the mail box on the corner, to the sealed sack on the motor truck, was carefully traced by the students on S. S. 40, who visited the Ferry Post Office, Embarcadero, Thursday, October 18th.

Some letters were pouring down long shutes, much resembling a sliding board; others were being tossed into definite pigeon holes, which were labeled according to the carriers' route; others were marching in an endless line thru a machine and being cancelled before going to their ultimate destination, still others, too large to be handled by machines, were being stamped and cancelled by hand. Those letters destined for the foreign lands were carefully sorted by the government postal officials, who the ports and travel on the boats as our postal clerks do on the trains in our country.

The letters seemed to be well treated but the class stood amazed at the parcel post division.

The labels, "handle with care;" "this side up;" "don't crush;" seemed to be of little protection to the well tied packages. With uncanny speed clerks tossed the packages into their respective places. Down the great slides parcels rushed only to be caught, cancelled, inspected, and again tossed into bags to be labelled according to destination and then to be sent in various directions from the Ferry Building.

The home of Lucille Graham, 6933 California Street, was the scene of a lively bridge party, Wednesday evening, October 24. The guests went home with "Jack O'Lantern," "Witch" and "Hobgoblin" favors to paste in memory books. Among those present were: Norma Figone, Florence Smart, Elsie Carlson, Margaret MacDougall, Helen Harrison, Pearl Levin, and De Ette Winter.

Famous Trio Broken

"Winken, Blinken, and Nod one night sailed off in a wooden shoe."

Wherever they sailed to, it was too much for little Winken, for he never came back to the campus. Perhaps the cabbages are more luscious in that unknown land. Cabbages were his failing, it is said.

In order to safeguard the remainder of the trio, when the work began on the tennis courts, Blinken and Nod were removed to a runway backed with concrete, down behind the kindergarten building.

There the primary lots make it their business to provide them with sufficient vegetarian provender to keep them in a lively condition. It is a great day for the two when the college lawns have their hair cut. Such an event occasions a feast.

Because of the difficulty in knowing them apart, Blinken and Nod have their names inscribed on their backs. This does not worry them. They are only turtles.

Skeleton Celebrates Hallowe'en

Miss Marie Skeleton held a Hallowe'en celebration in Room 110, Anderson Hall on Wednesday, October 31. Her costume was quite a jaunty deauville scarf of white crash bordered in blue. A tan hat on her cranium was pulled far down on her frontal bone. A modish black and orange skirt just reaching to the top of her patellas completed her outfit.

Many people hazarded various guesses as to who Miss Marie's modiste was. But she merely grinned and refused to tell. Some thought there was a masculine touch to her costume and are certain that Miss Marie's costumer is a gentleman.

Flu Attacks Cause Absentees

A number of S. F. S. T. C. instructors have been absent from college on account of attacks of influenza during the last two weeks. The latest sufferers are Miss Crumpton, registrar, and Miss Burkholder, supervisor of the low grammar grades in the training schools, and Dr. Rypins, director of academic studies. Mrs. McCauley and Dean Du Four are among the convalescents.

The disease is playing havoc with school attendance throughout the city, and it is being rumored that if many more cases develop, the city schools will have to be closed till the epidemic subsides.

The latest reports disclose that there are 8000 cases under the care of doctors in San Francisco. This report does not include the number of cases that are being treated by mothers in the good, old-fashioned way—a scalding mustard bath, a hot lemonade, and an onion poultice on the chest.

Prospective December graduates are hoping that the schools will not be closed, as in that way graduation would run over into January.

Siena Will Plan Christmas Work

It has been the custom in the past for the members of the Siena Club to give a Christmas party for orphans. A meeting of the club will be held Wednesday, November 7, to discuss plans for this year's party.

Formerly each Siena member volunteered to fill a Christmas stocking or buy a toy for one orphan, and also to help entertain the child the day of the party.

On Wednesday the members, under the leadership of Evelyn Lagamorsino, will plan the party for this Christmas. They will also complete the plans for the activities to be held the remainder of the semester.

Children's Librarian Seeks Ideas

Miss Henze, librarian of the training school, has visited several children's libraries during the past few weeks. She spent many hours in the Oakland school libraries under the guidance of Mrs. Madison, supervisor of Oakland Public School Libraries.

Of particular interest to Miss Henze was her visit to the San Jose Teachers College, where she was once registrar.

Miss Beattie, children's librarian there, explained her system of book charging. The gay green furniture and the systematic shelving of books had been the results of a library project of the summer school student teachers.

Miss Henze is very much interested in the system of book charging used in other libraries. She is also interested in children's story hours and library decoration.

Practical Problems Displayed

Students of California History on Wednesday, October 31, saw the projects, posters and free hand illustrations of the pupils in the John Muir School. These pictures illustrated the history and early days of our state's growth.

This exhibit gave the students a chance to see the type of work that they could expect wrom their children when they begin to teach.

Every student voiced her realization of the necessity for a thorough background on the part of the teacher to be able to properly guide and direct such activities.

Primary Teachers Hike to Woods

Blistered heels, sore muscles, torn stockings, and lost scarves are some of the inconveniences reported as a result of the high primary student teachers' hike to Muir Woods on Sunday, October 21.

The members of the group, with Miss Moe, their supervisor, took the 9:15 ferry to Sausalito. From there they went by train to Mill Valley. At this point the hikers shouldered their knap sacks and climbed the hundred—or some say more—steps to the Toll Road.

It is said that everything was going nicely until Alice Mathews dropped her lunch down a gulley. Miss Mathews claims that at this particular moment nothing seemed so desirable as that lunch, but because of the heels on her shoes she found it impossible to go after it. Since Bernice Thompson was better equipped as to heels, she recovered the run-away lunch and was thereupon proclaimed the heroine of the day.

After partaking of their lunches and hot coffee at Muir Inn, the trampers wandered about through the woods for a time. "We were much impressed with the quiet and naturalness of the park," said Miss Mathews.

The return hike lay along the rail road tracks to the pipe line, and thence to Mill Valley.

Regardless of the slight inconvenience suffered by them, the students of the high primary department are unanimous in proclaiming, Sunday, October 21, a perfect day in every respect, and all are agreed that Miss Moe is the best scout ever.

"Visual Instruction in Public Schools," written by Mrs. Dorris of our college, to help the teacher use visual aids of all sorts effectively was off the press October twenty-seventh.

The book contains 481 pages, abundantly illustrated.

This book may be obtained from Ginn and Company, publishers, 45 Second Street, City.

Eery Art Shown In Hall

Abstract studies of raging black cats, fanciful pictures of grimacing houses, gloomy representations of ghost haunted grave yards,—these were but a few of the works of art exhibited by the Art 10 class on October 30 and 31 in honor of Hallowe'en. The exhibit was hung in the lower hall where the administration offices are.

Those who hung them state that this hall was chosen rather than the usual place upstairs, not because they wanted to scare President Roberts, but because it seemed "just perfect" for such an exhibit.

Weirdness was the keynote in the Hallowe'en study, and the class aimed at originality in composition and color while expressing the spirit of the occasion.

It is said that the instructor, Miss Mayer, declared, "If you bring in a row of pumpkins on a fence,—I shan't see it."

That the members of Art 10 succeeded in catching the Hallowe'en spirit and in being original at the same time was well attested by the comments of the student body at large as they passed through the hall.

All is not well in the Science building. An army of ants recently raided Mr. Morse's office. Mr. Morse reports that no damage was done except that the ants crawled all over him and made him feel mighty creepy. Now a can of ant powder occupies a conspicuous place on Mr. Morse's desk.

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EDITORIAL

The Low Freshmen have caused no small bit of comment in circles of upper classmen.

Nor is this comment unjust. Surely, the midterm grades made by these younger students are not in keeping with the plans for advancing the collegiate standing of our institution. It is well known that the number of Freshmen receiving "cinch" notices last week was surprisingly high; so was the number of like notices each offending student received.

This low record may be due to several things. It may be, of course, that the students sent to us from the high schools were not well prepared. But to say that would be unfair to the high schools which have sent us many freshmen who are doing splendid work. In our opinion, and in the opinion of other upper classmen, the problem behind the poor grades is a matter of adjustment to college life.

It is not any easy matter to change from a high school senior to a college student. Current short stories have sketched college days as one grand good time, which they are. But, too often the commonly conceived sketch will be painted with only one tint. Social life with all of its flattering popularity, or athletic medals and cheers are the most overworked pigments. Then, after some trying experiences, the poor freshman finds that college life is not a monotone. He must combine all of its various primary and secondary colors into a more harmonious conceptin of campus activities.

This all takes time and hard work. We are sure that neither the older students nor the faculty will begrudge the time used to make the adjustments. We feel, however, that the hard work part is up to the Freshmen, themselves. We would like to see them use it conscientiously from now until the end of the term.

A little hilarity now and then is good for everyone. But, after all, this is a teacher training institution and its graduates are going to undertake one of the nation's most serious tasks.

An instructor of ours once said, "You can teach a fact right, or you can teach it wrong. There is no in-between state. It is just as wrong to teach a child that two and three make six as that two and three make eight."

This idea, a noble tradition, had its origin in the days when a normal student passed a course, or failed it with no other marks. We do no texpect anyone to get either "A's" or "F's" in his classes. With the present grading system that would be impossible. We do, however, expect the class of June '32, who have come to S. F. T. C. with the dawn of a new era, to improve their present mid-term record.

Now, just a word about the Journalism Class.

All other courses are receiving their share of advertising in the Bay Leaf. Why not give some publicity to the course which is vital to the continuance of the paper?

If, every time you have read this masterly sheet, you have been thrilled, try the Journalism Class. Seeing your own articles in print is guaranteed by the present reporters to cause greater palpitations than seeing those of another author.

If, on the other hand, you believe that the present staff knows nothing about newspaper work, here's a chance to show this student body, as well as those of colleges with which we exchange, just what you know about it. Take English 15 next semester.

T. N. T.

The Library has been a place of peace and easily obtained books for the past two weeks. Discipline in the Training School has been self-acting. Lecturers have been uniformly interesting. Students have been free from superflous work. Tardy students have been admitted to class without a murmur from instructors.

We know they have, because the T. N. T. editor hasn't heard anything to the contrary.

Student Flys Homeward

Miss Wilma Linne had a very thrilling experience when she flew to her home at Tracy, last Friday afternoon, October 25, in a plane piloted by Mr. Edward De Larm, an aviator and instructor. They left Mills Field about 2:45, and arrived home at 3:20, taking thirty-five minutes to make the trip. The strong wind prevented their making the journey in less time. They flew one hundred miles an hour and were three thousand feet in the air.

Wilma says, "It was a very beautiful sight to look down and see the white, fleecy clouds everywhere." It was not until after they were almost across the mountain that the fog disappeared. Wilma says she prefers flying over land than water, which they crossed when leaving Mills Field.

Wilma is a member of the Pacific Aero Club and has gone up several other times.

Training School to Give Operetta

Jack Frost sprites, snowflakes, butterflies, and bees will be evident at the operetta, "A Christmas for Santa Claus," to be given by the children under Mrs. Billingsley's supervision on December 14, in the Assembly Hall. It is to be presented under the auspices of the Frederic Burk P. T. A.

One of the features of the program will be a colorful parade of the children of the nations, which will show how Christmas is celebrated in other lands. Another feature of the operetta will be the presentation of a gift, a small girl, to Santa Claus. Most outstanding, perhaps, will be Santa Claus—Allen Wyatt.

The coaching is under the direction of Miss Levy and Mrs. Billingsley.

Federal Prison Conditions Studied

That eighty-five percent of the sixteen hundred men, that have "done time" at Alcatraz since 1915, return to society and "make good" was revealed to a group of 33 students of S. S. 161 who visited the Federal prison on Thursday, Ocotber 25.

The students, upon reaching the island, walked up the winding macadamized road with the great building before them. Interest and curiosity, blended with erroneous ideas, tended to quicken their pace.

Colonel Cralley, who is at the head of the institution, first took the students to the auditorium and and disclosed to them the main facts about the aims of the prison, types of men, reasons for their time spent, kinds of vocations provided, and the hoped-for outcomes.

"Our barracks are made up of two classes of men," says Mr. Cralley, "the convicts and the military offenders." The latter class are not criminals and constitute about 50 per cent of the men.

SMALL GROUPS FORMED

Preliminary directions were given. Then the class was divided into small groups, each under an officer who then escorted it through the institution.

Of the five hundred and nine men in the disciplinary barracks, all have definite vocations. The men have a choice of the twenty types of work that are offered. Work shops are small, machinery is not the latest, but with it all, the men are taught skill, accuracy and carefulness.

The laundry is the largest in the army. Here all laundry work for all the Bay posts and transports is done. More than 40,000 pieces are laundered here for the trip to Manila. One of the officers stated that two men who had "done time" had worked in the Alcatraz laundry were now in New York. These men are now managers of laundries, each at a salary of $12,000.

DIVERSE TRAINING OFFERED

There is a diversity of training at the barracks. All illiterates attend school every afternoon after a busy morning in some field of work. Last year, 50 per cent of the men took extension courses with the University of California or the Knights of Columbus.

Leisure time is also carefully planned. Alcatraz hopes to return the men to society a better group of citizens. Two nights a week, a library of 50,000 books is at the disposal of the men. These books are their companions in the cells. The value of the social hour is also recognized and to this end the men may visit with guests while in the library.

PRISONERS I. Q. LOW

Students who are interested in the types of men sent to Alcatraz found out from G. E. Hesner, medical corps psychiatrist, that about 80 per cent of the deserters are mentally defective.

Out of the 428 cases received last year, they were classified as: four chronic alcoholic, ten habitual drunkards, one cocaine addict, one morphine, three users of India hemp, two insane, two organic diseases, and thirty-eight morons.

Since "I. Q.'s" are now predominating in the thoughts of educators today, Mr. Cralley gave the I. Q. standing of the men as: 128 whose I. Q. was ninety, seventy-eight whose average mentality was eighty-five-seventy, 222 low average, I. Q. seventy-fifty, or equivalent, the ability of the eleven-year-old child.

Throughout the entire building the atmosphere of "cleanliness is next to godliness" prevailed. While being shown through the kitchen, the students were treated to fresh raisin bread.

Who's Who?

One of our college celebrities is Miss Jacquelyn Beedle, president of the Bookaneers. Miss Beedle was elected to this office after being a member of the student body for six months. This is somewhat unusual, as the club presidents are usually chosen from among the older students, and shows that it doesn't take Jacquelyn very long to become well known and well liked.

Miss Beedle started to high school in Aacoma; but having a nomadic urge, she was not content to say long in one place. So after a short time she moved ot Portland and entered a high school there. Before long, Jacquelyn decided that after all "theres' no place like home," so she returned to her old home town, Tacoma. After a brief stay at Tacoma High, Jackie again felt to desire for a change of scenery, so she came to San Francisco. Having decided that Mission and Girls' High had no charms for her, she entered Polytechnic, and there, at last, she found a haven of refuge.

After being graduated from Poly, Miss Beedle took a two years' vocation. During this time, she took piano lessons, and pipe organ lessons, and read many books. As a result, she is a pianist worthy of note; as for books, there are very few that Jacquelyn can't tell you about.

Her vacation ended, she entered S. F. S. T. C. and immediately became interested in the Bookaner's Club, of which she was elected president at the end of her first semester.

Miss Beedle's pet hobby is books. She didn't "become" interested in them; she always was. Ever since the early days when she learned to say "c-o-w-cow," Jacquelyn has been as the "best loved bookworm." She isn't very particular, either. She is quite happy as long as she is reading—be it a fudge recipte or "Blackstone."

After her graduation from State Teachers College, Miss Beedle hopes to secure a governmental position in Washington, D. C. But she says, "I love children and I love books, so even if I don't get that position, I shall be perfectly happy as a school teacher."

Projects, Excursions Sponsored by C. S. Teacher

Miniature postoffice, designs for hooked rug, and a Red Cross project are a few of the activities being supervised by some of S. T. C. students in the city schools. All of the practice teachers are doing excellent work, according to Miss Allcutt, supervisor.

Alice Hawkins, teaching at the Edward Robeson Taylor School, took her class of tiny second graders to the Ferry Building Post Office. There they saw sorting of mail, cancelling letters, and all phases of postal work. Miss Hawkins' class now has a postoffice project. They have built a tiny scale, made play money, and are now absorbed in their postoffice?

At the Fairmont school, the children are making hooked rugs. Now that Wilhelmina Fiederlein, student teacher there, has helped the children to make their own designs, they are doubly interested.

In one of the poorest districts of the city is the Franklin School. Doreen Cannon is teaching the 6th grade there. Her class has undertaken to fill 30 Red Cross Christmas Boxes. Although all of the children are from needy families, they are contributing generously. Miss Cannon is doing some successful work with them.

Friends of Mildred Wickbom, former president of the Nyoda Club, are glad to hear that she is feeling very much better. Mildred was recently operated upon for appendicitis.

Alumni News

Minnie Kelley, who was our student body president during the fall term of 1927, is teaching in Lodi, San Joaquin County.

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Anne V. Christensen is also teaching in San Joaquin County. She is at Tracy.

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In Sonlano County we find four of our recent graduates. Lorraine Ellis is in Vallejo and Elizabeth Martin and Jeannette McCall are teaching in Vacaville. Jean Harvie has a position in this county also, but we do not know where.

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San Mateo County has chosen three of our former students. At the one teacher school in Half Moon Bay we find Clara Bolei. Matilda Bernardo is at the Pomponio School and Lois Montgomery has the seventh grade in the San Bruno School.

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Matilda Starcevich is in Calaveras County. She is the only one of the June graduates who is teaching in this county. Likewise, Margaret Molfino is in Amador County teaching in a one teacher rural school.

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In Kelseyville, Lake County, Clara Sohl is teaching. Bernice Young is teaching in her home town of Susanville, Lassen County. In the town of Corcoran, Kings County, Orpha Beaill is located, while we find Alberta Eager at Usona, in Mariposa County.

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In our nearby county of Marin, we find Maxine Clarke and Melba Lagomarsino are teaching. Maxine has all the grades in a one teacher school at Marshall, and Melba is also in a one teacher school at Fallon.

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In Contra Costa County we find a long list of our recent graduates.

Geraldine Anderson has the second grade in Livermore. Ann Ludinghouse is also teaching in this town. At Concord are Margaret Reid, Dolores Gilfether, who has a sixth grade, and Bruna Trussi who teaches kindergarten and has some of the office work to do in her school. Helen Bliss is at Oakley and Marion Ormsby is at Avon. Anita Blum is at Crockett teaching a kindergarten class. A first and second grade class in Richmond has Josephine Dahl as its teacher, and a kindergarten class has Katherine Harr. In Pittsburg there are three of our June grads; Beatrice Patterson, Margaret Simpson and Bernice Ward. Beatrice has a fifth grade, and Margaret has the upper grades in her school. The first grade teacher in an Antioch school is Edna Sheridan.

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Muriel Brown, graduate of S. F. S. T. C., has been appointed to the Kindergarten Department of the Edward Robeson Taylor School

Culture, Kultur, and So Forth

When culture becomes impure what does one do? And do cultures become impure? And again—is there such a thing as impure culture?

"Culture is refinement," says Webster. He goes on to say in the "R" section of his famous book, "Refinement is elegance; and refiining," he augments, "is the act of making pure."

Now if there is any such thing as logic, culture cannot be impure, but cultures can. Mr. Morse can prove this. He says that the students in the bacteriology class are having terrible luck with their cultures. In some way no one knows just how the cultures became impure.

The students are trying to purify them, and according to Mr. Morse, the students are not acting in a very cultured way about it.

SPORTS

Basketball Tournament in Full Swing

Opening the round robin class basketball tournament, The December '28 teams went down to defeat at the hands of the June '29 aggregation, to the tune of a 12 to 39 score, on Thursday, October 25, at 3:30 p. m., in the gym. Exceptional teamwork and fast play was exhibited by both teams.

The line-up of the June '29 team was as follows: Mary McGloin and Thelma Whitby, forwards; Alberta Stegeman, touch center; "Jo" Mulvihill, side center; "Babe" Murphy and Mary Smythe, guards; Alice Ritter and Elizabeth Smith, substitutes.

On the December '28 team: Jule McWilliams and Gladys Banner played forward; Margaret Magner, top center; Anna Romani, side center; Lucille Savage and Cecyl Bruner, guards. Margaret Engler substituted for Cecyl in the last game.

EXCITING GAME PLAYED BY JUNE '30 AND JUNE '32

The next tournament game was played on Friday, October 26, at 4:10 p. m., between the June '30 and June '32 teams. The freshman team finally came out the victors by an 18 to 16 score.

The two teams were very evenly matched, and spectators were kept on the edges of their chairs by the close play which featured the entire game.

The June '32 lineup consisted of Tessie Vierra and Mary McCarthy as forwards; Margaret Tweston, tap center; Catherine Giovonani, side center; Betty Stevenson and Edith Gaines, guards; Helaine Taylor and Helen Vida, substitutes.

The June '30 team has Verda Webb and Marian Donaldson as forwards; Lucy Williams, tap center; Freda Ludwig, side center; Fritz Jaeger and Mary Mortigia, guards. Claire Roland, team captain, has been out with a sprained ankle, and her loss was felt greatly by the players.

The elimination of one of the players on fouls necessitated playing with a short team, as there were no substitutes for the juniors.

There is much enthusiasm being shown by both players and spectators at all of the tournament games.

Class Tennis Started Monday

Interclass competition in tennis was started last Monday, November 5. All entries were closed last Friday, and the "Fun's begun."

A class trophy will be awarded to the winning class. There will be two different events, the championship and the novice.

In the championship tournament, the first and second singles entrants and the first doubles entrants may enter two events. In the novice, the first and second singles and the first and second doubles entrants may compete in only one event.

Twenty points will be given for winning a championship event. Fifteen points will be given for each novice event won.

The class having the most points, championship and novice, at the end of the tournament will be the winner.

The regular meeting of the Frederick Burk Parent Teachers Association held on Thursday afternoon November 1 at 2 o'clock in room 117 was of unusual interest.

Mrs. Anna Dorris spoke to the parents on "Visual Aids in the Class room." Slides and other visual materials were used to illustrated her talk. Visual Education is a new and very important movement in modern education.

After the meeting, tea was served.

Student Golfers Hard at Work

It is rumored that many S. F. T. C. students are out on the golf links at Lincoln Park early every morning getting in condition for the golf tournament, which will be started within a few weeks.

According to Edithmarian Feehan, golf manager, there will be many contenders for the golf trophy this year. The two most outstanding one at the present time are Alice Doran and Anita Tiernan, present golf championship of the college. However, there might be a "dark horse" in "the running," and no conclusions should be drawn.

As usual, the winner of the tournament will have her name engraved on the perpetual trophy and will also be given an individual loving cup which she may keep.

Gym Teachers Welcomed Back

Miss Hale, faculty sponsor of the Women's Athletic Association, is back at school after having been confined at her home for a week with the "flu." All of the "gym frequenters" have expressed their joy at having their "referee" back with them.

Miss Hall, freshman physical education instructor and terrace director, is also back at work after an attack of "flu."

Claire Roland Confined at Home

Claire Roland, captain and center of the June '30 basketball team, has been at home for the past week suffering from a badly sprained ankle, which she sustained in a physical education class.

Her teammates regret very much her inability to take part in the round-robin basketball games.

Net Star Dreams Realized

"The improved play-field for college students is the result of many years of effort to get the use of a considerable part of the college campus that has not been improved before," said Dr. Roberts in telling of the work that has been done on the campus.

Contractors have completed the work of regrading the grounds and of paving the tennis courts and tennis practice courts.

The College maintenance men will take care of the seeding and planting, installing of sprinkling system, and putting in of the walk.

By the time this work is done the courts will be lined, equipped and ready for use.

Kathleen O'Farrell Back at School

Kathleen O'Farrell, who has been confined at the St. Mary's Hospital and her home for several weeks with a double-fractured clavicle is back at college again. Kathleen was injured while conducting her physical education class on the terrace. Her friends have expressed themselves as being glad to have her back, as she takes an active part in many campus activities.

Physiographers Visit Weather Bureau

"Generally fair with moderate temperature tonight" has a greater significance to the students of Physiography who visited the United State Weather Bureau with Mr. Mundt on Tuesday, October 20.

The Pacific Coast Bureau records all data of the Pacific Ocean and the entire United States.

Its great mercurial barograph which registers atmospheric pressure is the second largest in the world.

Students now know that the velocity of the wind may be accurately recorded by the anemometer.

San Francisco's twenty-two inches of rainfall was calculated for the onlookers.

Upon the roof garden the class saw all the instruments at work that aid man to keep an exact record of all nature's behavior.

While the group noted these instruments, Mr. Mundt called their attention to the clouds. Many types could be clearly detected in the sky. The members of the class displayed signs of having heard the names and other characteristics of the cloud formations.

The Weather Bureau helps men in every division of life, the farmer, the fruit grower, the industries, the pleasure seekers. It is of vital importance to the ships at sea and aeroplanes that monopolize the air.

As stated by Mr. Tuxler to the group: "We have the most interesting work in the world. Every day we have something different. Our territory is far reaching. We travel at will from the Pacific to the Atlantic. We know Nature's whims. It's a great pleasure to look at one of these 'man made wonder machines' and be able to advise a young lady that she is perfectly safe to go to a football game in her new dress and hat, for when high pressure is registered we know that our lady fair will enjoy fair weather."

"Time Flies," So Do Reporters

Something will have to be done about it. Either a clock must be put in the journalism room or else an especially noisy bell will have to be installed in its vicinity.

The journalism class, one day last week, became so interested in talking about why it does not pay to become a syndicate writer that it over-stayed its time fifteen minutes. Result—ten pairs of feet, including the instructor's, dashing madly through the halls.

Reporters are still wondering whether or not the bell for changing classes rang that day. They are all sure, however, that they will never attempt anything more strenuous than society-editing should Mr. Hearst ever require their assistance.

Announcements

Any article found and taken to the Lost and Found Office, room 34, will be returned to the finder if it is not claimed after twenty days time. Anyone who has lost or found anything is requested to keep in touch with room 34.

Only one more day to pay your senior dues! If any senior has not paid her dues, she should do so right away at the business office.

After many weeks of work the members of the Y. W. C. A. have completed an assortment of hand-blocked, hand-torn Christmas cards. Colorful designs of snow-covered houses, and a variety of Christmas scenes are on backgrounds of grey flecked paper.

Most of the cards were made by Madeline Munk, Ruth Brocklehurst, Virginia Sullivan, Alice Rich, and Ruth Debbs.

The cards are on sale in Room 102, Anderson Hall, at a very low price.

Just a reminder! The Glee Club rooms are waiting for business to begin. Any organization may use them if Victorine Murphy is notified two weeks in advance. This precaution is necessary to avoid conflicting dates.

Nyoda Club Plans Dinner

"Just another opportunity to get together socially," said Bessie Miles in telling of the Nyoda Club dinner which is to be given November 8, at Girard's new restaurant on Ellis Street. Miss Miles heads the committee which is making plans for the affair.

No elaborate program has been planned, according to the members of the club. They are depending on the homey atmosphere of the restaurant to take care of the social spirit of the dinner.

Among the faculty members to be present are Miss Ward, sponsor of the club; Miss Smith, Miss Holmes, and Miss McFadden.

F. B. Pupils Celebrate Oct. 31

The Training School was the scene of frolic and fun where all work was forgotten while the children, dressed as witches, goblins, and ghosts, celebrated the long cherished holiday of Hallowe'en, on October 31.

Every room was gaily decorated. Fortunes were told by mysterious spirits. The usual pranks and superstitions of the ancient folk were relived as the children bobbed for apples, ducked in the tub of water, threw the apple over the left shoulder, and screeched with laughter as the witches did of old.

Good times, funny costumes, and jokes made it a real child's day.

Frosh Girls Blind To Opportunity

Do college men have more class spirit than women?

Recently a scheduled meeting of the Freshmen class could not be held because there were not enough present. Only three percent of the girls were present, but the men were there one hundred percent strong.

There was a tall blonde boy making the piano fairly talk, two other men were moving table and chairs for the convenience of the feminine president of the class, and Al Wyatt was looking like a master of ceremonies waiting for the meeting to begin. And nigh two hundred freshmen girls were absent.

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